

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claim will replace all prior versions and listings of claim in the present application.

Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended) A telephone connected to a local area network performing voice communication with another telephone through said local area network, said telephone comprising:

~~a function~~ means, operable during voice communication with a transfer-source telephone connected to the local area network, for calling a transfer-destination telephone by, for requesting a response from ~~a the~~ transfer-destination telephone indicating its availability to connect a call upon receipt of a demand to transfer the voice communication to the transfer destination telephone; ~~and~~

~~a function~~ means for notifying an address of the transfer-destination telephone to ~~a the~~ transfer-source telephone upon receipt of a response from the transfer-destination telephone indicating its availability to connect a ~~call~~ call; and

means for continuing the voice communication with the transfer-source telephone when the transfer-destination telephone does not return a response to the request indicating its availability to connect a call, thereby indicating that the transfer-destination telephone is not available to connect a call.

Claims 2 and 3 (canceled).